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SUBJECT: HANDBILLS ATTACKING TENG HSIAO-PING

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1. WE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT HANDBILLS ATTACKING TENG HSIAO-PING WERE PLACED IN INTERNAL PRC MAIL AS REPORTED BY WIRE SERVICES AND TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL. STORIES CURRENT IN PEKING ARE THAT THE INDIANS, NIGERIANS, SWEDES, POLES, MALAYSIANS AND OTHERS HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED ANTI-REGIME PROPAGANDA IN THEIR MAIL. ON FURTHER CHECKING, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT MOST OF THE ITEMS COULD HAVE BEEN INSERTED IN THE MAIL OUTSIDE CHINA. THIS IS A COMMON ENOUGH OCCURENCE FOR MISSIONS HERE IN PEKING AND USLO HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS PIECES OF ANTI-REGIME LITERATURE PRESUMABLY INSERTED IN OUR MAIL IN HONG KONG. SOURCE OF THE NEWS STORIES IS INDIAN EMBOFF WHO HAS YET TO PRODUCE THE DOCUMENT FOR OTHER'S INSPECTION.
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HIS CLOSE TIES WITH EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS MAKE HIM

AT LEAST SOMEWHAT SUSPECT ON THIS SORT OF STORY. NEWSMEN
THEMSELVES ARE BEGINNING TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ON WHAT
THEY WROTE.

2. SUMMER IN PEKING IS QUITE PRODUCTIVE TIME FOR THE
LOCAL RUMOR MILL AND PRIME TIME FOR THE SOVIETS AND
THEIR FRIENDS TO WORK AT DISINFORMATION. UNTIL WE HAVE
SEEN A PAMPHLET FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE--AND WE WILL
CONTINUE LOOKING FOR ONE--WE BELIEVE THE STORY SHOULD
BE TREATED WITH CONSIDERABLE RESERVE.
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